

# Naturalist Activities September 2009

Nature Center Open Fridays and Saturdays 1-5, Sundays 11-3

## Friday September 11

2pm: This Old House – Learn about the history of the Stanley Schoolhouse and one of its infamous students. At the nature center. 30 minutes.

## Saturday September 12

10am: INShape Indiana Hike – Join us for the fall INShape Indiana hike. You'll have your choice of a moderate 2-mile hike or a more rugged 10-mile hike with the naturalist. Meet at the Beach Concession area. (1 hour to 4 hours)

2pm: Box Cooking – Come learn how to cook food in a cardboard box. Howard will have something cooking when you arrive and also show you how to build your own box and share recipes. At the Nature Center. (1hour)

## Sunday September 13

9am: Wildflower Wander - Discover which flowers are 'in-season' now on this easy 45 minute hike. Meet at the campground store picnic tables.

## Friday September 18 – NATURE CENTER CLOSED

## Saturday September 19 - Guest Naturalist Diana Lutz

10am: Hike, Naturalist's Choice. Join Diana for a moderate 1 hour hike along trails 1 and 6. Meet at the campground store picnic tables.

2pm: Turtle Talk. Come to the nature center for an informative talk about the turtles of northeastern Indiana. There will be a craft afterwards where participants can make a turtle rattle. (30 minutes)

## Sunday September 20 - Guest Naturalist Diana Lutz

Noon: Animal Feeding Time - Learn how we take care of our animals and watch us feed them. Bring some leftover bait or some bugs if you can and we'll use that as food. At the nature center. 20 minutes

## Friday September 25

10am: Johnny Appleseed Hike – Join Howard to learn about Johnny Appleseed and collect apples for the apple pressing on Saturday. Meet at the campground store picnic tables. (Easy, 45 minutes, walking)

2-3pm: Shrunk Heads and Star Parties – Come by the nature center to use apples to make shrunk heads and star prints (30 minutes)

## Saturday September 26 – Cider Pressing Day!

11-3: Apple Cider Pressing – Bring your own apples and containers to make your own cider on a hand-cranked apple cider press. Please set up an appointment time if you will be bringing more than a bushel of apples! We'll be pressing at the Glacier Ridge Shelter.

## Sunday September 27

9am: Fall Foliage Hike – Join the naturalist for a stroll around Sand Lake to view the early fall foliage. Meet at the Beach Concession area. (1 hour, moderate walking)

1pm: Pressing Matters – We'll take a short jaunt from the nature center to collect some fall color leaves and then head back and make a plant press to preserve them. 30 minutes. At the nature center.